of the people to make a second appeal to the High Court in Civil matters;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much work load is likely to be lessened by this decision of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[Transferred to 10th August, 1993].

Assembly Elections in J & K

1482. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not possible, at present, to indicate any time frame for completion of elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Accident claims cases in T.N.

1483. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to accident claims pending with district Courts and High Court in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts, covering various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifications/improvements in the judiciary; improvements in the infrastructural facilities including modernisation of office equipments in Courts and in day-to-day working of the Courts; setting up of Conciliation Courts and also making it applicable to proceedings before Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals etc., have been commended to all the concerned State Governments/High Courts including the Madras High Court for necessary follow-up action.

Lok Adalats

1484. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Lok Adalats were held in the country and in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93 and how many cases were settled; and

(b) what further steps are proposed for strengthening Lok Adalat Movement in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per information received by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes (CILAS) from the State Legal Aid and Advice Boards, as on 20-7-1993, 8,041 Lok Adalats have been organised in the country so far where 39,38,881 cases have been settled. As per information available with CILAS, 125 Lok Adalats were held in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93 where 11,622 cases were settled.